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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth
Chairman

SUBJECT: Community Data Base on Terrorism

1. We need a box check on whether NIO/CT ought to plunge ahead in trying to promote movement on a multi-agency computer data base on counterterrorism. There is an objective need: Without a Community effort, the different agencies are creating their own data bases at considerable, wasteful expense. Barry Kelly believes this is an important project that warrants more serious attention. There is a prior commitment going back to DCI Casey. But there are big obstacles, an important one being DO's reluctance to share its data and belief that, because it will derive little benefit, the project is not deserving of much attention. Attached is a one-page summary of the situation.


2. While the ICS is still in charge of coordinating the Community effort, NIO/CT is expending a lot of time and bureaucratic capital trying to represent the Community's interests.

3. Should he...

Forge ahead on your and DCI's behalf? _____

Forget it? _____

Brief you and discuss further? _____


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